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“Moved by the Good News of Jesus Christ... We *Journey with St. Joseph*”

Pastor: Fr. Roshan Loy D’Souza, CSC
Secretary/Bookkeeper: Nerie Bernal
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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Music Ministry: Megan Montifar & Eric Fahn

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Lectors & Eucharistic	<i>serve the church</i>
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Social Action Committee	<i>ministries, please call</i>
Parish Council	<i>the parish office.</i>

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 416-546-4044
The Knights of Columbus: www.kofc9079.com

St. Joseph Catholic School:
Principal: David Comacchio
Phone: 416-393-5209

MASS TIMES:

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday, & Thursday	9:00 am
Wednesday & Friday	7:00 pm
Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage:

Please contact the office to begin the process of preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday before the vigil mass or on request anytime.

Ministry to and Anointing of the Sick:

Please advise us if you have someone ill at home, hospital or in a nursing home so that we can minister to them.

New members please register at the office.

Hall Rental: Please contact **Margaret MacDonald** at 416-463-8638

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Lent

A time of new beginnings...

Lent is a time to look deeply at the reality of our interior lives and ask God to help us to love as he does. In his love for the Father, the Holy Spirit and us, Jesus laid down his life to pay the ransom for our sins. His unconditional love, which sought our good and not his own, can be ours *if* we are open to receiving the grace (spiritual power) God offers us and *if* we generously respond by seeking God's good and the good of others. My hope is this year's Lent will be a season of new beginnings in the reality of the love of God.

God's unconditional love for us is a reality. It's important that we properly understand this divine love. God's unconditional love, more properly called charity (*caritas* in Latin), consists of seeking the good of the other; as St. Thomas Aquinas put it, "To love is to will the good of another."

What our goals should be during Lent, I offer a simple three-fold approach:

1. Lent should be about living the Gospel every day. The Gospels are defined as the life, teachings, Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. To get to the heart of its message, we must examine how Jesus lived. We may be surprised that the actions of our Savior were consistently simple. He spent every moment pulling the lost and forgotten back into the fold.

2. Lent requires a redefinition of the word "sacrifice." We assume that the word "sacrifice" means giving something away or denying ourselves of something. Lent should raise our awareness of the things we take for granted. The sacrifice of Jesus Christ makes us realize that what we possess is even more powerful than what we are giving away. The abundant nature of God's love outweighs sin, selfishness and even death.

3. Lent is time for spiritual "spring cleaning." After a long winter indoors, we long to throw open the windows and clean the house of unwanted dirt and dust. Lent urges us to the same. What are the unwanted habits that you want to eliminate from your life? What are the certain behavioral patterns that make you less than the perfect Christian?

Use your heart and hands to emulate Jesus. Make Lent your new beginning. **God Bless.**

Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza.

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



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The Week Ahead :

Feb 20: Memorial: Family Day

Feb 21: Memorial: St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor.

Feb 22: Memorial: Ash Wednesday

Feb 23: Memorial : St. Policarp, Bishop & Martyr

Archdiocesan Events:

Goodbye Stress – Hello Life Workshop: at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue , Niagara Falls. On Saturday, February 18, 2023 09:30 AM to 03:30 PM. This Workshop will empower you to take an honest look at what lies beneath your stressors, and provide the tools to deal with them. Learn the difference between good and bad stress. Stress is inevitable, but letting it control your life is optional. Learn how to deal with stress so you can say hello to life again! For registration: CONTACT: 905-356-4113
Email: reservations@carmelniagara.com

Single Mothers Gathering: On Saturday, February 18, 2023 01:30 PM to 03:30 PM. At St. Peter's Church, 840 Bathurst, Parish Hall. If you are a single mother seeking a community please join us for a fellowship & prayer. Please register on our website or using this link: <https://forms.gle/AuL6f61FqfHmGaKp8>. For any questions please email: Maria at momentumtoronto74@gmail.com

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Journalism : Tuesday, February 21, 2023 07:30 PM - to 09:00 PM: **virtual** . St. Monica Institute presents an eight-week online seminar in the Catholic foundations, mechanics, and purposes of ethical journalism, featuring a team of distinguished Catholic journalists and communicators, including the editors and publishers. CONTACT: St. Monica Institute. PHONE: 437-290-9373. EMAIL: admin@SaintMonicaInstitute.ca



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2023:
FOR EDUCATORS: We pray that Educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



First Communion & First Reconciliation: All the grade 2 students preparing for the sacraments are requested to be part of Sunday 10 am children's liturgy.



Confirmation Sessions: All the sessions will be shortly after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. February 26, 2023, March 12, 2023. All the candidates are requested to attend Sunday mass and be enriched spiritually.



ASH WEDNESDAY Services:

Morning Mass at 9.00 am

School Service at 10.15 am

Evening Mass at 7.00 pm



Coming up:

Novena and Feast of St. Joseph

We will have novena to St. Joseph in preparation for the feast of St. Joseph from March 10 to 18 during the Masses. The feast of St. Joseph will be celebrated on March 19 (Sunday). There will be breakfast after the Sunday Mass for the parish community. All are Welcome.



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

February 11-12, 2023

Total Amount: \$ 1,490.00

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Thanks to all our volunteers for their commitment and to our benefactors for their continued support.

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Joseph Parish community sincerely thanks Knights of Columbus, Council 9079 for their continued support. God Bless You.

† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 19

10:00 am

Req. Family

Monday, February 20

No mass

Tuesday, February 21

9:00 am † **Brian Hamer**

Req. Dorothy Hamer

Wednesday, February 22

7:00 pm † **Pat Dixon**

Req. Dorothy Hamer

Healing Intentions to Msgr. Weber

Req. Barbara Hamilton

Thursday, February 23

9:00 am

Req.

Friday, February 24

7:00 pm

Req.

Saturday, February 25

5:00 pm **For the Intention of St. Joseph Parish Community**

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